

Hutchinson of New York has delivered a body blow at the new theory of scientific mating by saying that the good, old-fashioned way of falling in love is the best and only proper way of achieving matrimony.

"Even the most profound and cold-blooded of scientists have never succeeded in finding a better excuse for getting married than falling in love," he says. "For the most part we have come to the conclusion that if the young people were given a little instruction they could be pretty well trusted to make their own matrimonial selections.

"There is a natural inclination for a man to marry beauty and good temper and good sense—as much as he can get in a single package. And there is a natural tendency for a woman to prefer vigor and wholesomeness.

"The whole tendency of the race is to marry for better and not for worse. We should put away such things as inheritance and pedigrees.

"The English aristocracy is the only aristocracy that retains a degree of vigor and that is because occasionally a member marries a wholesome chorus girl or a dairy maid."

I think Dr. Hutchinson is mainly right in these statements.

The natural choice of man or woman is toward the eugenically perfect mate. But unfortunately, the natural choice is horribly complicated these days by the necessity of reconciling it with the economic problem.

A poor but perfect young man may love a poor but perfect young woman, yet he may feel the necessity of marrying his employer's homely daughter to get on in the world.

And the young girl of the period, however much she may dream about the penniless and perfect youth with whom she loves to fox-trot, may be compelled by the everyday necessity of eating and drinking and wearing clothes, to marry a middle-aged widower seeking a good foster-mother for his eleven children.

Love SHOULD BE the only reason for marriage. But it can't be so long as one man can pay \$100,000 for a peach-blow vase and another doesn't know where he is going to get money for his next meal.

The age of marriage is growing later and later all over the world because the age at which a man can support a wife and risk the burden of a family is growing later and later. Girls consequently are forced into the labor market because there is no one to marry them. They marry today at 25 or 30—a good 10 years later than their grandmothers were made wives.

Let us hope the perfect babies of Los Angeles may grow up and become perfect mates.

If their parents are moderately well off, maybe they will. But so unreasoning a thing is love that William Flynn, aged 37 months, and engaged to Alene Houck, aged 17 months, may yet prove false to his baby vows, love some maiden with an uneugenic squint and jilt his perfect mate for someone not so faultlessly faultless.

And Alene may prefer a short, red-headed, freckled fellow to her 100 per cent fiancé.

And if she loves the red-headed man, Alene will be 100 per cent right.

SAYINGS OF A WISE PUP

"KI-YI!" THE FIRST SYMPTOM OF A BAD MEMORY IS WHEN A GUY "FERGITS" HIS FRIENDS!

